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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA AND THE IAEA

REF: IAEA VIENNA 8578

1. I CALLED ON AMBASSADOR CISSE, CHAIRMAN, IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS, AFTERNOON OCTOBER 20 AT HIS REQUEST AND PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OUR DISCUSSION WAS SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONSHIP TO IAEA. CISSE BEGAN BY ASSURING ME THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE DID NOT WISH TO POLITICIZE THE IAEA AND RECOGNIZED THAT FOR THE ORGANIZATION TO CONTINUE ITS EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION, POLITICAL ISSUES MUST BE KEPT AT A MINIMUM.

2. CISSE CONTINUED THAT TO ASSURE SUCH NON-POLITICIZATION, THERE WAS A MINIMUM
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REQUIREMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE MET.

SUCH MINIMUM REQUIREMENT WOULD ENTAIL SOUTH AFRICAN STEPS TO RATIFY THE NPT AND A FORMULA FOR SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS WHICH MEANT THAT IT WAS NOT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF AFRICA ON THE BOARD.

3. CISSE CLAIMED HE AND THE OTHER OCAM STATES WOULD TALK TO THE FRENCH IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE THEM PRESS SOUTH AFRICA TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE NPT. I TOLD HIM THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN WORKING IN THIS DIRECTION AND I WAS CONFIDENT WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO.

4. WE DISCUSSED VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES REGARDING SOUTH AFRICAN BOARD DESIGNATION, AND HE AGREED THAT IT WAS NOT PRACTICAL TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE IAEA STATUTE. ANY SUCH AMENDMENT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO OTHERS WHICH WERE NOT IN THE INTEREST OF CERTAIN MEMBER STATES OR OF THE AGENCY ITSELF. CISSE CONCLUDED THAT WE MUST HAVE SUFFICIENT IMAGINATION TO ARRIVE AT A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD MAKE IT MORE EXPLICIT THAN IS NOW THE CASE THAT SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT REPRESENT AFRICA ON THE BOARD.

5. I ASKED HIM CATEGORICALLY IF I COULD TAKE IT THAT PROVIDED SOME FORMULA COULD BE WORKED OUT, THAT THE AFRICAN STATES ARE PREPARED TO SEE SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND HE RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY.

6. AMBASSADOR CISSE INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD OBTAINED THE APPROVAL OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO SPEND THE FIRST SEVERAL DAYS OF EACH MONTH IN VIENNA IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY DISCHARGE HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. WE AGREED TO BE IN TOUCH AGAIN IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND IN EARLY

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